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Reagan resigns as head football coach

by Jeffrey Kirch

Just after New Year's Day, Coach Bill Reagan announced that he was leaving his job as head football coach of the Pumas.

Athletic Director Lynn Plett said, "Reagan is looking at his options. He realized that both the team and himself needed a change." As of right now, the Athletic Department does not know of any job offers for the former head coach.

The team has a deep concern for the future of the program, but is still excited at the prospects of change. Plett said, "I received a letter signed

by over fifty of the players saying that they believed that, under Reagan, the program has been built into a solid, competitive team."

Plett also said, "Because of the lack of a coach, the team is looking to the seniors for leadership."

A selection committee that was formed after the announcement is in the process of selecting a new head coach. They hope to have a selection made within one month. Several applications have already been received by the committee.

Last season alone, three of the four football

coaches have left. Coach Jerry Haberkorn, who left before Christmas break, has moved to Denver, Colorado.

Also, Coach Andy Dengler, who had hopes of being appointed head coach, received an offer by a National Football League scouting agency while at a coaches conference, which he accepted.

Plett concluded, "Saint Joseph's College lost a first class, professional coach. Coach Reagan cared for the College, the program, and most of all the players. He still cares for the players. He will be missed by many."



Coach Bill Reagan, former football player and 1974 graduate of SJC, holds the ball for a field goal attempt during a game. See the story of his recent resignation as head football coach for the Pumas.

SJC students vow to 'march on till victory is won'

by Danielle Adams

"In the observance of the birthdate of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Saint Joseph's College would like you to celebrate the Dream of a lifetime," read a poster on campus.

On Monday, Jan. 16, the students of Saint Joseph's College, along with the entire nation, participated in a tribute to the great civil rights leader of our time, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Many different activities took place in honor of the civil rights leader.

Much work was involved to make the celebration a success. To assure the success of the event, the organizers, Ernest Watson, faculty advisor for the Office of Multicultural Affairs, and Admissions Counselor DeLea

Johnson, started planning last November.

They made contact with the mayor of Rensselaer, Steve Wood, and the other guest speakers and entertainers present at the ceremonies.

The events have taken place for four years; however, due to extreme cold weather, the march was canceled last year.

The turnout of students has increased from previous years, because of favorable weather conditions, but the numbers were not up to what the school would like them to be.

Watson stated, "We're here to do things for the students, but we don't get any backing." Student involvement is something that seems to be very important to

Watson.

Some of the activities included the worship service that took place on Jan. 15, after which the Board of Trustees held an invitation-only luncheon.

Most of the celebration occurred the following day. These ceremonies began at the chapel, with students and faculty re-enacting the great March on Washington.

The traditional spiritual "We shall overcome" was sung while a banner proclaiming, "March on Till Victory is Won" was held high for all to see.

The ceremonies continued with many guest speakers. Doug Thames gave the opening convocation prayer, and Craig Thomas

gave King's famous "I have a Dream" speech.

Next, Mrs. Loretta Thomas captivated the audience with the song that was sung at Dr. King's funeral.

She was followed by Cassie Davie and Jamie Pucka, two students from a local middle school, who read their thoughts on Dr. King.

The ceremonies closed, as they have for the past few years, with Senior Geology/ Chemistry major Jennifer Hancock reading a poem that she wrote about racism.

When asked why the celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King was important, many different comments were made.

Most thought that it was definitely important to

remember this leader of our past.

Senior Sociology major Marissa Marhoul said that she participated in the celebration because she "enjoys the sense of unity."

Watson believes that participation is necessary because, "The King holiday, to me, is not a black thing. The things he fought for gave us all rights, not just the blacks. It shows how far we have come, but it also shows us how far we must go."

Positive reactions revolve around the celebrations of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Next year's activities will be played by ear, but will still reflect the importance of the great civil rights leader, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

New policy aimed at eliminating cheating

As a senior, I have witnessed, on numerous occasions, cheating in various forms. Whether it is a student opening his/her book to check an answer when the professor leaves the room or several students consulting about their answers on a test, cheating at Saint Joseph's College does exist.

I have even been approached by my fellow students to help them cheat. I cannot even begin to count the number of times I have been offered money to write a paper for another student.

However, for those students who pursue the "easy" way through their education here, I offer this as a warning: The administration is on to you.

Now, students caught cheating on a test, plagiarising a paper or using an already written paper from a dorm file can be dismissed from the College as punishment for their second offense.

Under the direction of Dr. Bernard Parker, vice-president for Academic Affairs, the Academic Honesty Policy has been revised to be more harsh on the students violating the sacred codes of academia.

The new policy states that a professor suspecting a student of violating the code of honesty must talk to the student. The professor will then write a letter to the dean offering the charge against the student, evidence to support the charge and a summary of the previous discussion between professor and student.

The VP for Academic Affairs will notify the student of the charges and the student's right to appeal. The student can appeal the charge or the penalty.

The usual penalty for academic dishonesty is for the first offense, an F in the course where the

violation occurred. For the second offence, the usual penalty is dismissal from the College.

Since this new policy has been in effect, I have heard several student complaints. First, students charge that this policy's penalties are too harsh.

Of course the penalties are harsh! If they weren't, the school would only be encouraging cheating. By making the penalties undesirable, hopefully, students will decide to do their own work and not risk the chance of being caught. The "scare-technique" is a sure fire way to eliminate those students who do not want to face such drastic consequences.

The second most common complaint I have heard from the student body is: "Students are considered guilty until they prove their own innocence."

In a sense, this is an accurate

assessment of the policy; however, after having the accused student present the dean with his/her notes from his/her paper or demonstrating a knowledge of the tested material, the charges are dropped.

Under the previous policy, the professor would have to spend hours doing library research trying to find the one source the student plagiarised. This system frees the professor to do other constructive things--like prepare for future classes.

I do not have a problem with this new policy. In fact, I think it is wonderful. Finally, the dean has something tangible to do; finally, professors do not have to play "cheater detective"; finally, maybe, students will decide to do their own work for their own grades--after all, an F on one miserably written paper is better than an F in an entire course.

--jml

Letter to the Editor

Rec center usage unfair to students?

Dear Editor,

Hello! As our final year of education at Saint Joseph's College closes out, we feel as if there is one area concerning our school which we would like to comment upon: Hansen Recreation Center usage.

As new rules spring upon availability of the facilities, also flouncing upon us are restrictions that make usage virtually impossible.

There are some questions we feel that must be pondered. First of all, when there are basketball games at the school, both the recreation center and the weight room are closed for the night. We do not see how

the basketball games should influence our usage possibilities.

As a sidenote, as varsity athletes at this school, the center is not closed when we have matches or meets, so why should it be closed when others do?

If there is a student worker at the desk, we feel as if he or she should successfully be capable of monitoring those who are allowed to enter the building.

Why do we pay recreation fees if we are not able to use the fruits of the payments?

See you on the courts (hopefully),

Mary Quasney

Jennifer Seberger

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STUFF has attained a high reputation and character which the staff intends to preserve because Truth is our ultimate objective.

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The quality, reputation and character of this newspaper will rest on the ability of the staff to adhere to these standards.

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SJC senior attends theatre workshop

by Donna Heitz

"It was both exhilarating and intimidating to see my peers work so professionally," said Senior Jessica Henry, a communications/theater arts major, as she returned to her dorm, after the long winter break, only to be whisked off to Green Bay, Wisconsin for five days.

While all of her friends were settling back into their school routines: going to classes, eating at the cafeteria, or calling the Audix lady, Jessica experienced what she feels is the best lesson she has ever had in theater arts.

The opportunity to attend the American College Theatre Festival's (ACTF) annual regional conference at the University of Wisconsin at Green Bay arose through the efforts of Louisa Monfort, part-time professor at Saint Joseph's College and Val-

paraiso University.

Monfort, who was aware of Jessica's strong interest in theater arts, invited her to attend the conference with a group from Valparaiso, since Saint Joseph's College does not belong to the ACTF.

The third region recruits universities and colleges from Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin to present scenes, plays and workshops at the conference.

This year, guest VIP groups from Minnesota and Harvard were also asked to provide workshops.

Nonmembers of the ACTF may register to attend the workshops held at the conference, such as Monfort's workshop on costuming, but are unable to take part in scenes or plays.

Henry says she benefited tremendously from the

workshops on auditioning techniques, movement for the actor, and Alba emoting, or effective expression through breathing.

Though she feels it is unfortunate that she could not actively participate in the rest of the conference, Henry thoroughly enjoyed watching the motivation, hard work, and talent of the other regional participants.

Henry feels privileged to have been a representative of Saint Joseph's College at the ACTF regional conference.

Henry is especially grateful to Louisa Monfort for exposing her to such a great opportunity and to her professors for excusing her from the often critical first week of classes. The conference, she said, "will be helpful to [her] performance in 'A Doll's House' and as an actress."



Senior Jessica Henry recently spent a rewarding week at an annual ACTF conference at the University of Wisconsin in Green Bay. See page 3 for story.

Workshop to be offered for aspiring writers

by DeAnn Hazzard

Creative writing can be a lucrative business. On Feb. 1, Anne and Ed Kolaczky, two professional writers who specialize in writing genre fiction, will be offering their time and expertise in a workshop for Saint Joseph's students.

The Kolaczky's have been writing together since 1982. They have produced 53 novels which have generated over 200 foreign editions in Europe and Asia.

"The workshop is a unique opportunity to talk to people in this business. They were very cooperative, especially in volunteering their time. They are excited about this," said Senior Greg Potts,

Editor-in-Chief of Measure.

The workshop will take place in two parts. From 3:30-5:30, the Kolaczky's will openly critique the submitted works of students in a round-table discussion atmosphere.

The second part will take place at 7:30 p.m. at the Carnegie Center in Rensselaer, where they will present a lecture detailing important information on how to break into this specialized field of writing genre fiction.

"I encourage everyone to attend, even if you are not an English major. Anyone interested in creative writing should attend one of the two workshops," said Potts.

Crime hits SJC campus

by Julia Garcia

For most Saint Joseph's College students, whether Catholic or not, the Grotto is more than just a beautiful symbol of Saint Joseph's devotion to the Catholic religion. For many, the Grotto is a refuge from the stress and worries of college life.

Unfortunately, not everyone views the Grotto in such a respectful manner. During Thanksgiving Break, the Grotto was vandalized, causing much property damage.

Some of the large rocks that form the unique shape of the Grotto were rolled down to one of the ponds at the front of the Grotto.

Rocks were also rolled onto the plexiglass and the

light that shines upon the marble statue of Christ in Gethsemane.

As a result, the plexiglass and light were broken and the statue was damaged by the fallen rocks. Also, candles were stolen, artificial flowers were destroyed, and plants were uprooted.

"Anything they could find was smashed on the floor," stated MJ Shannon, who was involved in the restoration and beautification of the Grotto last semester.

According to Shannon, the damage was probably done at night so that the vandal(s) would not be spotted. Security is not sure who committed the crime since it could have been anyone passing

through the area.

Vice President of Student Affairs William Maniscalco and Shannon have discussed the possibility of adding more lights to the Grotto area and clearing lower limbs and dead trees to make the area more visible.

Other than the vandalism done to the Grotto, a laptop computer was stolen from the office of Professor Louise Johnson in Schwietermann Hall. Post office box keys also turned up missing from the Health Center and the Registrar's Office.

Not even the Chapel was safe from crime; some chalices were recently stolen. This was just one of many chalice thefts throughout Indiana.

Politics: what impact does it have on SJC students?

Sacco's World

by J.W. Sacco

I find it funny how fast things can change. What I find funnier is how people change them and why. For the past eight years I've heard nothing but bitching on how the government hasn't done a damned thing for anyone. I've heard complaining on how they are sick of old men in control of our country. Yet, through all this complaining no major incumbent was ever beaten in an election... until now.

What is this?? Has the American public finally realized that they have the power to control who runs the country? Why did this take so long? Are we that stupid or do Americans just love to complain?

But even with the major changes it seems that not all Americans are happy. Women still cry that they are not properly represented in the American congressional system. Well, it is a fact that women are the voting majority and should have no problem voting a woman into a congressional seat.

Others, are still not happy with the way that the government has turned out. Well, it was proven this year that you can make a difference, and we have.

'94 election briefs:

*Before the election, Republicans controlled eight state legislatures, now they control 17.

*Of the 35 Democratic incumbents who lost in the House, 30 outspent their challengers.

*There are 182 baby boomers in the new House--up from the 106 in 1991.

Students view changes in Washington D.C. with mixed feelings

by Sean Mangan

The 104th Congress is extremely unique in that Republicans have a majority of the seats in both the House and the Senate, something which has not occurred in over 40 years. Newt Gingrich, who replaced Democrat Tom Foley as Speaker of the House, promised that his "Contract With America" will be voted on in the first 100 days of Congress.

The changes which are introduced in the package are aimed at different areas but will effect everyone. For example, the plan calls for a raise in the social security earnings limit, a repeal of the current tax hikes, and provisions which would create tax incentives for private insurance that would allow older Americans to keep their hard earned income.

Gingrich's plan also includes some economic nostalgia for jump-

starting the economy and creating jobs. Not unlike former President Reagan, the new Speaker would like to revive some of the "trickle down" economics which defined the 80's.

Another area which is targeted for reform is term limits. There is a new and growing trend to replace "career politicians" with new, younger politicians with fresh ideas to create solutions for the problems which are plaguing our generation.

Depending on an individual's political background, the "Contract With America" receives mixed reviews.

For example, Junior Patrick Downey said, "It represents the fact that the tide is turning in American politics and that for the first time the public has voted nationally instead of regionally. In terms of the House race, usually they vote for who can bring

back the most pork for their district, now they're voting on national issues."

Junior Mike Tackett also favors the new plan. "I believe it's good that the Republicans have taken control of Congress after 40 years of Democratic control. It's refreshing to see that the country is speaking out in favor of change. After 40 years the Democrats still haven't done what the country had expected."

Sophomore Emily Karol is not as enthusiastic about the transition which is taking place in Congress. "I'm basically a Democrat so obviously I'm a little upset about the new Republican Congress, but I'm not totally anti-Republican. I don't think the new Congress is going to be completely awful, but I'm a little nervous about their stances on welfare/education and the cuts they want to make in these areas."

Political Science department offers exciting major

by Jenny Palecek

"I want to be involved with environmental law, that's why I became a Political Science major," says Junior Heather Lonborg, who hopes to be a legal advisor when finished with college. She is just one of the thirty students that have chosen Political Science as their major. It is also offered as a double major with History, of which, many students have taken advantage. An International Studies major is also offered, which includes a lot of Political Science and History classes.

The Political Science/History/International Studies department has made some changes within the last year. New to the teaching staff is Professor Jennifer Abbassi, whose main areas of study are Latin American politics and women in politics. This addition leads to some new courses offered this semester. The first is Women in Politics and Development, which is taught by Abbassi. It's

a three hour course which meets once a week.

"This class is basically a discussion class, it's not just lecture after lecture," says Lonborg.

Another new class is Topics in Political Science, which deals with the death penalty and the right to privacy. Both of which are big Supreme Court issues right now. This is a condensed version of the Constitutional Law class that will be offered next semester.

Political science attracts stu-

dents who are interested in current events, politics and the government. Students are able to participate in various activities like Model United Nations and attend lectures. This Wednesday, Political Science Professor, Peter Watkins took some of his students to attend a lecture at Purdue University. The speaker was Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

If you are undecided as to your major, why not give Political Science or International Studies a try?



SJC student returns from semester internship

by Ashley Pierce

During his sophomore year at Saint Joe's, he visited Washington, D.C. as a tourist; however, just two years later, he returned to Washington not as a tourist, but a senator's intern.

After an 18 week internship in Washington, D.C., Political Science major, Senior Joe Janusonis, has gained a total of 15 credit hours: 12 for the internship and 3 for an independent study project, but he has also gained valuable knowledge and experience that he "wouldn't trade for anything," according to Janusonis.

Janusonis first learned about the internship from a friend who had previously participated in the program. After making a few inquiries, he learned of The Washington Center, an organization that accepts applications from college undergraduates seeking various internships in Washington, D.C. Interested in acquiring an internship in politics, Janusonis applied to The Washington Center during Spring Break of last year. His application was accepted and was then sent to various Indiana

politicians, such as Senator Richard Lugar and Representative Steve Buyer. "I chose Senator Lugar, of course," commented Janusonis.

During his internship with Senator Lugar's office, Janusonis worked in several different sections of the office, such as Mail, Scheduling and Administrative, Press and Legislative Correspondence and Research. Some of his responsibilities in these areas included writing constituent letters, doing draft releases and attending committee hearings. "I also researched various legislative topics and then briefed people in the office on them," explained Janusonis. He also spent several hours doing research for an independent study project on Lugar's foreign policies.

His internship was not filled entirely with office duties, however. Janusonis also took part in several thrilling activities while on Capital Hill, such as meeting Supreme Court Justice Scalia, seeing Margaret Thatcher and picking up Senator Lugar at the airport. One of the most exciting events he witnessed was "hearing Nelson Mandela address a

joint session of Congress," according to Janusonis. He also went to the White House Rose Garden Ceremony for the President of the Ukraine.

"It was definitely a growing experience--both academically and socially."

Janusonis was one of six other interns working in Senator Lugar's office. He found his internship to be an unforgettable experience. "It was definitely a growing experience—both academically and socially," stated Janusonis. The responsibilities he faced while in Washington, D.C., presented him with many new challenges. He explained, "You live completely on your own. You come back here (to Saint Joe's) and appreciate everything you have—monetarily and that your parents do for you."

Janusonis' future plans will no doubt be affected by his experiences on Capital Hill. According to

Janusonis, he took the internship with Senator Lugar "to see if (he) would like working in a Senator's office." After working in a senator's office, he has decided to attend law school after graduation and choose an area of study to specialize in while there. "I hope that in law school something catches my eye. I want to keep my options open," he explained.

Janusonis is grateful for the assistance he received from Saint Joe's when applying for the internship. His advisor, Political Science Professor Peter Watkins helped Janusonis secure the internship by giving advice and writing recommendations. Professor Phil Posey and Head Soccer coach Mike Minelli also wrote recommendations.

Serving as an intern for Senator Lugar proved to be a academic and social growing experience for Janusonis. He concluded by saying, "I would definitely recommend (the internship). It was the best academic experience I've had. It wasn't theoretical book learning—it was practical experience, and practical experience is what counts."

Student Association brings politics to SJC

by Audra Bailey

Did you know that each and every student is a member of the Student Association? An active member- maybe, maybe not. But fortunately, we have an active, elite group of officers, chosen by student election, working for the student body by representing the student concerns and suggestions that may arise.

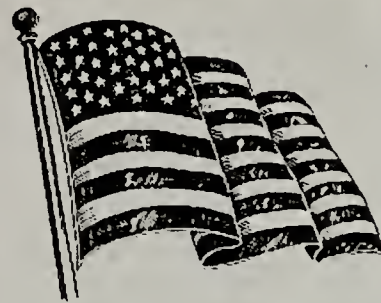
Eric McKeown, Student Association President, wanted to get involved in the student government after past Senate meetings dealing with the issues of campus security. "I was convinced that in taking a leadership role, I could work for the students," McKeown said. As president, he plays a prominent role in hearing student concerns and suggestions, planning meeting agendas, serving on faculty and administrative committees and making appointments with the right people when proposing students' issues. McKeown said, "It's a true balancing act when working as the 'link' between the students and the administration."

Serving as McKeown's right hand man is Bill Pearson. "Actually, I had some influence on Eric's decision to run for SA. He then turned around and asked me to run with him as Vice President," Pearson said. He serves as chairperson of both the election and constitution committees and is also responsible for the legislative projects. "The project that I'm working on at the moment is a student survey dealing with the issues of extending the visitation hours," he said.

Allison McDonough was elected as SA secretary. She said, "It's just another day at the office." McDonough's main duty is keeping the minutes during the meetings, although she will also be in charge of organizing files and informing the student body, faculty and administration about special events sponsored by the Student Association.

In charge of the treasury is Dwayne Leininger. "It is my responsibility to keep the budget under control by keeping on top of the books," he said.

McKeown said, "The end result of our administration is to give some meaning to the rhetoric of the student government at Saint Joseph's by presenting con-



Saint Joe's football loses three coaches



by Emily Karol

Recently, three out of the four Saint Joseph's College football coaches have left the program. The three who left are Head Coach Bill Reagan, and Assistant Coaches Andy Dengler and Jerry Haberkorn.

Remaining is Defensive Coordinator, Joe Palka.

Each coach has a different reason for his departure. Dengler is taking a job with a National Pro Scouting company, Haberkorn is going into private business in the steel industry, and Reagan resigned.

According to Coach Palka, Dengler saw his move as a "good opportunity

for his career," and Haberkorn made his decision based on an "increase in pay" and "the opportunity to be closer to his family."

As of yet, no new coaches have been named, but there has been a search committee established to appoint a Head coach first and then Assistant coaches.

Even though some of the players have mixed feelings about the coaches leaving Saint Joseph's, there is also a sense of excitement about next season's fresh start.

Offensive lineman Aaron Metz states, "The whole team is excited about the idea of a new Head

Coach." Similarly, Freshman Tailback Carl Voltaire explains, "I think the coaches' leaving will turn the program around and that it is best for the team."

Others, like Offensive Lineman J.B. Lind, were shocked at the changes. He believes that "everyone was surprised because all the changes happened at once, but the team is excited about what is to come."

Coach Palka clearly stated that some changes would take place next year, but that the main goal, to "keep everything moving forward with the people who are still remaining," will stay the same.



The Puma squad will see some new faces at the helm next season as three coaches step down. Photo by Rachel Hempel

Puma track team off to running start

by Erin Breetske

With the dawn of a new year, the 1994-95 Puma track and field team is off to a fresh start. Many of the team's goals promise to make this season prosperous. Mixing the new members with the veterans, should create a sense of support and reassurance that is the perfect environment to develop national qualifiers.

According to team members and Coach Bill Maassoels, the first meet was viewed as a place to find weaknesses and speculate on the rest of the season.

Coach Maassoels explained, "The women's meet was really good. I was really

pleased." He further added, "the men's meet was all or nothing. They either competed really well or really bad."

Of his personal performance, Sophomore Decathlete Deron Steinke was critical. "I didn't do as well as I would have liked to have done," he said. "I wasn't as prepared as I should have been."

Others, however, feel the meet started them off in a positive direction.

"I think it's a good start because we made a lot of goal times, yet we can still improve on those," Sophomore Sprinter Liz Anderson commented.

Steinke added, "it showed us where we were at and what we needed to improve on."

Coach Maassoels is quite proud and optimistic about the team's performance and the goals they have set.

"[Our goals are] to qualify as many people for nationals as possible," he stated. "We want to win the Indiana Intercollegiate meet in April," he added.

Everyone agrees and feels this season will be quite successful. Although some improvements still need to be made, the teams are strong and the outlook of the season is promising.

"Coming out of the

blocks is one of my weak points," Anderson commented. "I need to work on that."

Coach Maassoels explained the many strong points of both teams.

"The women's strong points will be distance and sprinting, [whereas] for the men, it will be our throwers and hurdlers."

"We should have one of the best DII (Division II) teams in the state this year and we have a really good chance at winning Little State," Steinke commented. "I think the team works well together and we really come together and support one another," he added.

"I think we will have a good season based on the fact that everyone is working hard," Anderson stated.

Coach Maassoels commented, "I'm very optimistic that we can be very successful and that we'll meet the goals we have set. It also depends on how well the new freshmen members adjust to college."

All in all, everyone is quite optimistic about the season and happy with the progress they have been making. With the continuation of such good performances, team members are confident that this year's Puma track and field team is bound for a victorious season.

Basketball teams find Christmas in Rensselaer not so bad

by Jill Peterson

While many Saint Joseph's students were enjoying their Christmas vacation at home, the dedicated Puma men's and women's basketball teams stayed on campus. Did they enjoy residing in Rensselaer, Indiana, while others were seeing friends back at home or working to make extra spending money?

According to Junior Forward Jim Crawford, "I was happy here with my teammates, but I also would have enjoyed the warmer weather at home in Tennessee."

Sondra Green, a senior elementary education major, had these words to offer, "It didn't bother me that we had to stay because I am used to it. This is my fourth year [to have done it]."

"I would have liked the opportunity to spend time with my family and friends. It

does get old seeing the same faces over and over," Sophomore Debra Bartoszewicz commented.

For entertainment purposes, going to Merrillville and renting videos seemed to be popular choices. "I saw a lot of movies over Christmas Break," Freshman Sarah Krey noted.

"Most of the time, I was too tired to do anything. We had practice twice a day," Freshman Chris Young said.

Other students, like Freshman Tammie Williams, visited the local Wal-Mart a few times because of boredom.

Some of the professors made an effort to make the students feel more at home by giving them an occasional meal. "Doctor John and Professor Anne-Marie Egan had us over for dinner. We also dined at Professor Frank Slaby's home," Fresh-

man Becky Fogg recalled.

"Coach Plett made us a nice dinner. It was fun getting away from the cafeteria food for a while!" Junior Doug Kelley said.

And if they were in the mood to spend some money, they ate out. "Sometimes we ate at Hudgens House for a change," Sophomore Heather Meyer remembered.

The players were allowed to go home from Dec. 22 through the 25. They were also granted free days from practice on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. "To play a college sport is a special opportunity. There are sacrifices that a college athlete must accept and we choose to do so!" Crawford commented.

Bartoszewicz agreed, "As student athletes, we choose to play basketball and therefore we must stay here and practice."



Sondra Greene lets one fly from long range in a recent Lady Puma game as Lori Hissong (15) looks on. Photo by Rachel Hempel

Sports Fans! Be sure to catch the next exciting issue of STUFF for a total run-down of the I.M. Basketball competition.

SJC athletes raise funds to make the season more fun

by Donna Bossung

Several Saint Joseph's College athletes participate in fundraisers during their off season in order to have a few luxuries during their regular season.

The decision to do a fundraiser usually stems from each individual head coach, and it is based on whether or not the particular team has enough money in their budget to afford whatever it is they want—warm-ups, travel sweats, equipment or trips. According to Assistant Athletic Director Linda Deno, each individual team has their own budget to work with. There is not one united Athletic Department Fund that all of the teams can draw from. Deno clarified, "If the team has money in the (individual) budget, it will

pay for the extra things needed." If not, and the coach or team still want the additional items, it is necessary to do a fundraiser.

A popular fundraiser across the campus was a poster with the names of the donors on it. The poster also included a team photo and schedule. The volleyball team, basketball teams, soccer teams and football team all participated in this method of raising funds in the past. This year, however, the posters were not made because several of the teams did not join in the fund raiser.

One of the biggest additional costs inflicted on the athletic teams are non-seasonal trips. Three of our SJC teams needed to raise money for the cost of a trip.

The football team traveled to Texas this past fall to kick off their season. In order to afford the trip, the players received pledges and donations from their family, friends and communities. The fundraiser netted approximately \$7,000 and the team made a flight to Texas in early September where they were victorious.

The soccer teams have made numerous trips to Florida or Colorado in the past. However, according to Head Coach, Mike Minelli, the teams are trying to plan and finance a foreign tour in Holland. The trip many not happen for a couple of years, but money is being raised for it today. Coach Minelli explained that his players will pay for most of the trip on their own by getting sponsorships from their old high

schools, health clubs or soccer stores in their hometown. In turn, the soccer team will provide these donors with advertising later in the season. Though the trip may be difficult to finance, the team realizes that it is a once in a lifetime chance and is working very hard to reach their financial goal.

For their own fundraising, the baseball team sells advertisements for their game programs. The money that each player obtains goes toward the cost of his trip to Florida. They travel to Florida every Spring Break to open their season, and this year the Varsity and Junior Varsity will be playing 12 games in Boca Raton.

Head Coach Mike Moyzis explained that the fund-

raiser was not mandatory for the players. Each player sold according to his needs. Moyzis added that the benefit of the trip is more than just opening the season and seeing where the Pumas need work on the diamond. The trip creates a sense of togetherness. "We try to spend a lot of 'team time' together. We will go to a (professional) spring training game and out to eat at a couple of really nice restaurants. We also try to give the players a little free time," he said.

Fund raisers make several things possible for the teams here at SJC. The money raised creates a better appearance, enhances equipment, and takes the athletes places they might not normally go.

New Year's Resolutions: Successes or Failed Attempts?

by Kathleen Brass

With the onset of a new year, it seems almost everyone wants to start the new year out well. This usually involves making a "new year's resolution" in the hopes of improving oneself during the year.

Unfortunately, the hope and promise in people's hearts at 12:01 a.m. Jan. 1st seldom lasts past the first week of January.

Everyone has some sort of goal, or "resolution," for the new year. Whether they admit it or not is another thing.

It seemed very bizarre that when I asked various people if they had made a resolution for the new year, many people said yes, but wanted to keep it a secret in hopes of success.

Of the small group of people who actually re-

sponded to questions about their New Year's resolution, almost half said that they wanted to lose weight in 1995. The other half indicated that they wanted to give something up in order to improve themselves in the New Year.

For me, giving up biting my fingernails seemed to be one of the goals highest on my list of many things I need to change about myself.

For the first week of the New Year, I did wonderfully, but returning to school seemed to be too much. By Jan. 10, all of my nails were gnawed off as usual.

As in my case, the truth is that most people never keep their traditional New Year's resolution through the entire year.

But, for some ambitious people, the resolutions do stay with them.

Each year freshman Erin

Breetzke makes several resolutions, and, by the end of the year, many have been accomplished. This year one of her resolutions was to keep more informed about current issues. Now, she watches the news every night before bed in order to accomplish her task.

My advice to those who made resolutions this year is to stick to them and hope for the best.

Congratulations to all those people who in past years have accomplished their resolutions, like freshman Sarah Klocek.

One of her past resolutions was to be generally a friendlier person to those around her.

People like Sarah who try to better themselves in order to better the world around them, are truly an inspiration to all of us resolutions fail-

The Quote of the Week

"It is a time to take stock, to make an inventory, to meditate on one's sins and resolve to do better."

Dorothy Day

Welcome Back to The Back Page!

by Candace McGroarty

All of us on The Back Staff would just like to take this opportunity to welcome you all back for the second semester of the 1994-1995 school year.

Greg, Kathleen, and I would also like to inform you that our format on The Back Page will be changing. Don't worry we will still be sarcastic, sophomoric, and even didactic at times, but it is time for us to journey into another realm of creative expression.

This semester we are opening up The Back Page to students at Saint Joseph's College who would like an outlet to display their creative talents.

We encourage all of you poets, artists, photographers, writers, etc... to submit your work.

STUFF is a student newspaper, and we would like to display the talents of our fellow students.

Please direct your submissions to Greg Potts or Candace McGroarty by e-mail or you can send submissions via e-mail to StuffBack@Students@SJC..

Any questions can be referred to Candace McGroarty at ext. 8442 or Dr. Charles Kerlin at ext. 6224.

Please also stay tuned to The Back Page for we hope to continue to bring you more useless trivia, and to continue to poke fun, as well as defend, certain elements of the human condition.

One more thing before I go, I am encouraging everyone in the Saint Joseph's College community to attend a performance of Ibsen's "A Doll's House," in the Auditorium tonight, Friday night and Saturday night at 8 p.m. Hope to see you all there!

Love Is Like A Flower

by Julie Lawton

**Love is like a flower,
Fragile, with very little power.**

**Rough Weather can blow it away,
But if respected and treated right, it will stay.**

**In bloom its beauty captivates the heart and the eye,
Opening its petals and exposing its soul to the sky.**

**At night the petals close to protect its inner parts,
In the day, the petals open to expose and warm its heart.**

**Love is now only similar to a flower,
It is beautiful, but definitely has more power.**

The Joke of the Week

Q: What do you call a Dead-head who has just broken up with his girlfriend?

A: Homeless.